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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Michio HORIUCHI, et al.

Serial No. 10/816,879

Group Art Unit: 1745

Confirmation No. 2665

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Examiner: WALKER, KEITH D

For: FUEL CELL DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), responsive to the final Office Action mailed January 18, 2008, and having a shortened period for response set to expire on April 18, 2008. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for the same is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to Monday, May 19, 2008 as May 18, 2008 falls on a Sunday.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.